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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE VISITS MALI

1. NIGERIEN PRESIDENT SEYNI KOUNTCHE PAID 72-HOUR STATE VISIT TO MALI JANUARY 10-12. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS BAKO, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT MAMANE, AND HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT ADVISORS.

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2. IN AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT, PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE SAID HIS TALKS WITH MALIAN PRESIDENT TRAORE HAD BEEN RICH AND CONSTRUCTIVE. HE RETURNED HOME, KOUNTCHE SAID, SATISFIED AND HAPPY WITH THE VISIT HE HAD MADE TO MALI.

3. COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED JANUARY 13 IN MALI OFFICIAL DAILY "L'ESSOR", MADE USUAL BOWS TOWARD SOLIDARITY WITH INDEPENDENCE

MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, PALESTINE, AND OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND SAID THAT TWO CHIEFS OF STATE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER TENSIONS IN AFRICAN CONTINENT. BULK OF COMMUNIQUE, HOWEVER, DEVOTED TO QUESTIONS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, TECHNICAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW STATUS OF LABBEZANGA DAM IN MALI AND KAIMDADJI DAM IN NIGER AND REPORT BY END OF FEBRUARY 1978. THE TWO PRESIDENTS GAVE TOTAL SUPPORT TO NIGER RIVER COMMISSION AND HOPED THAT ORGANIZATION WOULD RECEIVE NEW IMPETUS. COMMUNIQUE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE CHIEFS OF STATE HELD LONG EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON NEXT SUMMIT OF SAHARAN STATES TO BE HELD IN BAMAKO.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE, IN ARRIVAL INTERVIEW, CHARACTERIZED HIS VISIT AS PERIODIC CONSULTATION WITH PRESEDENT TRAORE, VISIT HAD ALL EARMARKS OF BEING ARRANGED AT LAST MINUTE. DIPLOMATIC CORPS HURRIEDLY CONVOKED FOR KOUNTCHE'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. AT AIRPORT, IVORIAN FLAGS WERE DRESSED UP WITH ORANGE DISK TO RESEMBLE NIGERIEN FLAGS, ALBEIT WITH STRIPES GOING IN WRONG DIRECTION. PROGRAMMING OF ROAD BLOCKAGES FOR PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADES CAUSED UNPRECEDENTED TRAFFIC JAMS.

5. CONJECTURE HERE IS THAT REGIONAL AFFAIRS WERE INDEED MAIN FOCUS OF DISCUSSION, PERHAPS TREATING PROBLEMS RAISED AT MINISTERIAL SESSION OF LIPTAKO-GOURMA AUTHORITY HELD LAST DECEMBER IN GAO.COORDINATION OF COMMON POSITIONS FOR SUMMIT OF SAHARAN STATES MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN MAJOR CONCERN.
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